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PROP BLAST

AN AIRBORNE TRADITION

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PREFACE

Fifty years ago a small group of officers testing a new and evolutionary concept called "airborne" met to celebrate their qualification as parachutists. As a result of this historic meeting, a ceremony known as the Prop Blast was established which, through custom and usage, has become the oldest and most honored tradition of our airborne forces.

Since that time, more than a generation of American servicemen and women have trained and fought gallantly as airborne soldiers. Most officers who have been honored to serve with the airborne forces have undergone this simple, solemn "right of passage" and remember forever the spirit and fellowship which it generated among the unit's officer corps.

The "Prop Blast" has endured over time as an airborne ritual which confirms an officer's commitment and service to the airborne corps. Unit histories record the names of scores of officers who have served proudly and have participated in the unit's Prop Blast ceremonies.

This short paper captures the history of one such unit, the 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division. The names of the many officers entered upon the worn pages of the Battalion's Prop Blast Book are indelibly etched in the history of the unit and provide the best single record of four decades of officer service to the battalion.

This history has been assembled to record this time honored tradition and to honor those officers who have served the battalion and its magnificent soldiers so well. Truly, they have maintained the right.

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307TH ENGINEER BATTALION

PROP BLAST - AN AIRBORNE TRADITION

The Prop Blast, an airborne tradition steeped in history, has evolved over time and represents a traditional "right of passage" for many officers who have served with parachute forces. Individual unit records record the names of many notable military leaders who have participated in this tradition while serving in airborne units. The conduct of each prop blast and the record thereof is a historical anecdote of an airborne unit's history. This condensed history captures the evolution of the Prop Blast in one such unit, the 307th Engineer Battalion. It also provides the reader with an appreciation for the many officers who have served in the engineer battalion and have participated in this tradition.

I. PROP BLAST HISTORY

In mid-December of 1940, at Fort Benning, Georgia, thirteen officers of the 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion convened for the first Prop Blast Ceremony ever held. As a result of this historic meeting, a ceremony was established which, through custom and usage, has become the oldest and most honored tradition of our airborne units.

Captain William P. Yarborough and First Lieutenant William T. Ryder are credited with conceiving the Prop Blast while celebrating Yarborough's parachute qualification. They felt that some formal ceremony should be developed to welcome newly Jump qualified officers into the ranks of the airborne fraternity. It was decided that a drink mixture be prepared, with a blast behind it symbolizing the blast received from the propeller of a C-47 aircraft when jumping. Added to this mixture was vodka, symbolizing strength and giving it a suitable "blast." A small bit of lemon juice and sugar were added to round out the concentration. Thus was born the first prop blast mixture.

Yarborough and Ryder decided that the mixture should be drunk from a suitable vessel and thereby developed what was called the "Miley Mug" in honor of Major William E. Miley, Commanding Officer of the battalion. Second Lieutenant Carl Buechner was directed by Yarborough to fashion the mug out of a 75mm shell casing. To the shell was fastened two rip cord handles from a T-3 chest pack parachute and the formula of the prop blast mixture. The key word "GERONIMO" was then engraved on the sides of the mug using an M-94 signal device to encode the wording. After the ceremony, a Jeweler in Columbus, Georgia, engraved the names of the following participants of the first prop blast:

MAJ WILLIAM E. MILEY (Later MG Miley, Commanding General, 17th Airborne Division)
 MAJ GEORGE P. HOWELL (Later BG Howell, Commanding General, 1st Provisional Parachute Group)
 CPT ROBERT F. SINK (Later LTG Sink, Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps)
 CPT ORIN D. HAUGEN, (Later COL Haugen, Commanding Officer, 511th Parachute Regiment) (KIA South Pacific)
 CPT ROY LINDQUIST (Later MG Lindquist, Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division)
 CPT WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH (Later LTG Yarborough, Commanding General, 1st Corps) (Designed and patented U.S. Army parachute wings)
 CPT JAMES W. COUTIS (Later COL Coutis, Commanding Officer, 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment)
 CPT RICHARD CHASE (Later COL Chase)
 1LT BENJAMIN H. VANDERVOORT (Later LTC Vandervoort, Commanding Officer, 2/505th Parachute Infantry Regiment) (Awarded DSC at Bastogne and later KIA)
 1LT WILLIAM T. RYDER (Later BG Ryder, Airborne Advisor to General MacArthur) (Commanded Airborne Test Platoon)
 2LT FRANK R. DUKE (Later Maj Duke)
 2LT CARL BUECHNER (Later LTC Buechner, ACoS G4, 1st Allied Airborne Army)
 2LT JAMES A. BASSETT (Later COL Bassett) (Executive Officer of Test Parachute Platoon and later killed in a helicopter crash)

This historic ceremony was held at the Horse Show Cabin at Fort Benning, Georgia, at which time all members of the party were blasted. The wives of the participating officers attended as spectators. The procedure followed in conducting this first Prop Blast was as follows:

As a member's turn came to take the Prop Blast, he would stand on a chair, jump off doing a tumble, take the Prop Blast Mug in hand and would drink the concoction while the others gave him the count of "One thousand, two thousand, etc." He would then speak the first thought that came to his mind as he jumped out of the plane. The first

to go through this procedure was Major Miley, the battalion commander.

As a result of this first meeting, the Prop Blast ceremony has traveled with Army parachute units to the four corners of the earth. Through the years this ceremony has changed very little from the one first held at Fort Benning in 1940. Likewise, the Prop Blast mixture itself has remained about the same.

Many Prop Blast Mugs have come and gone within the parachute units; among them were such notables as:

The "Miley Mug" of the 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion (the original Prop Blast Mug)
The "Howell Grail" of the 502d Parachute Infantry Regiment
The "Gavin Goblet" and "Bing Ekman's Bucket" of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
The "Sink Grail" of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment
The "Zipper Dipper" of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment
The "Lindquist Liberator" of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment
The "Haugen Bowl" of the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment

World War II found U.S. Army parachute units traveling, training, jumping, and fighting all over the world and with them went the Prop Blast ceremony. Prop Blasts were held in tents, quonset huts, chateaus, hotels, and in the open. The mixture contained the liquids of the different countries that would carry on the "blasting" qualities of the original champagne and vodka combination. All these things combined

have added to this parachutist's ceremony and have made it a tradition of our airborne troops.

II. 307TH ENGINEER BATTALION

EARLY PROP BLASTS

From that first Prop Blast in 1940, early prop blasts were conducted at the Airborne Training School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and among airborne units as they were activated. General Melvin Zais, USA Retired, recalled his own Prop Blast, the second officially recorded one, in his memoirs.

My first 'Prop Blast' was May of '41. That was the second 'Prop Blast' ever conducted. It was held at the Polo Hunt Club at Fort Benning. We followed the same style [as the first Prop Blast]. I think there were about 11 people involved in that one. We drank from the Miley Mug and then, it was curing the second one we jumped off of a chair. We didn't have a mock-up of an airplane like they had in later times. We jumped off of a chair and we were supposed to give our thoughts, our first thoughts, just before we jumped out of an airplane. And we would drink this special concoction from the Miley Mug. We just had a great time.1

As airborne units were activated, the Prop Blast became an established tradition and a source of camaraderie and spirit among the airborne officers. Prop Blasts were generally conducted at the regimental level and included all officers assigned to the regiment, or in the case of support

forces, affiliated with the regiment. Prop Blasts were frequently conducted at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg in the early years and then overseas as units deployed for World War II. Early Prop Blast Books, which were maintained by each unit, recorded the name and rank of each "blastee," but did not include his parent unit. It is therefore difficult to trace the identity of early engineer officers in the Regimental Prop Blast Books. While many of the old Prop Blast Books are maintained at Fort Bragg and Fort Benning, others rest with unit associations and individuals.

Of historic note is the first Prop Blast conducted by the 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters on December 12, 1947. At this first Prop Blast, all previously initiated members of the division headquarters initially signed the Prop Blast Book with their name, rank and date/place of prop blast. These first pages record the names of several notable American military leaders to include Major General James Gavin, Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division; Lieutenant Colonel William C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff, 82nd Airborne Division; and Lieutenant Colonel Melvin Zais, G3, 82nd Airborne Division.

These early officers within the division headquarters had been previously prop blasted with their units and regiments from Forts Benning and Bragg to England, France and Japan. Wherever airborne soldiers gathered, the Prop

Blast ceremony became an integral part of each new officer's initiation into an elite new organization and one which would prove its quality throughout the War.

This history, however, is intended to trace the Prop Blast Ceremony for the 307th Engineer Battalion. It is difficult, if not impossible, to trace the Prop Blast history of each member of the battalion during the early years as they were "blasted" with the Infantry regiments and other units, and records did not normally contain the branch or parent unit of an officer. Given the proliferation of Prop Blast ceremonies and the rich tradition which it imbued, it must be presumed that most officers of the battalion were appropriately "blasted" after joining the unit.

THE BATTALION PROP BLAST BEGINS

At the insistence of veteran officers that the 307th needed to start its own Prop Blast Ceremony, Lieutenant Colonel Ray Miller, the battalion commander, constituted the first Battalion Prop Blast on April 14, 1951. The ceremony was held at the Battalion Officers' Club. This was an old wooden barracks next to the battalion headquarters (located in what today is the ROTC/Reserve Component area of Fort Bragg), which had been converted by the battalion into its own Officers' Club. The Prop Blast Board consisted of

Lieutenant Colonel Miller, Major Hallett (Executive Officer) and several other veteran officers of the Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Miller had been previously "blasted" with the 11th Airborne in Japan.

At this first Prop Blast, seven officers of the battalion were initiated in what Lieutenant Colonel Miller recalls as a very simple ceremony. A mock door was constructed and each officer was required to perform a satisfactory exit from this door and execute a parachute landing fall. Upon successfully completing those maneuvers, each candidate drank an alcoholic mixture from the Prop Blast Mug and signed the Battalion Book. Whatever ceremonial mug and bowl was used for this first occasion is not well remembered, but as was often the tradition of the time, one of the old regimental mugs and bowls may have been used.

From this early beginning, the Prop Blast tradition of the 307th Engineer Battalion emerged. It is impossible to determine during these early years how many officers assigned to the 307th were "blasted" by the battalion or arrived in the battalion having been previously initiated with some other unit. Others may have continued to participate in the Prop Blast ceremonies with their affiliated infantry regiment. However, based on the records, it appears that most officers assigned to the

battalion were prop blasted with the 307th in the early 1950's.

There were several peculiarities in the Battalion Prop Blast during the early years which have not yet been fully explained. Beginning in 1956, the Battalion Prop Blast Ceremony appears to have been discontinued for all practical purposes. Whether it was due to the shortage of officer personnel during that period coupled with significant turnover and reassignments or to some other reason is not known. There were, however, no prop blasts conducted between April 1956 and September 1959 except for one entry by Harold H. Lindly on 30 July 1958. This single entry is also an unknown aberration, but it was certified by the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Horace J. Crouch, who himself was not "blasted" until the next Prop Blast on September 4, 1959.

PROP BLASTS OF THE 60's

The 307th Prop Blast tradition again began in earnest in the early sixties as new officers assigned to the battalion were required to undergo this time honored tradition. During this time, the first Battalion Prop Blast Mug was designed and constructed. It was made from a 75mm shell casing and had two reserve parachute handles affixed to the sides. On one side was the battalion crest and on

the other side a division crest. A 307th Engineer Castle also adorned each side. To the best of anyone's knowledge, this mug was first used at the Battalion Prop Blast on May 29, 1961.

Several past commanders and officers assigned to the battalion recall prop blasts of the early sixties. The Prop Blast ceremony was gaining momentum and each tended to take on a characteristic of its own. Novice officers to be initiated were oftentimes required to perform arduous physical exercises under the close scrutiny of veteran officers of the battalion. Prop Blast ceremonies were typically conducted in one of the many officer club annexes around the post. "Blastees" were required to jump from a mock door and perform a satisfactory parachute landing fall similar to today's ceremony.

Prior to the Prop Blast Ceremony, the Prop Blast Mixture was mixed in front of the "blastees." A variety of blends was used at different times, but most contained a dominant mix of vodka or brandy with a mixer and oftentimes contained dry ice to give it a mysterious brew appearance. A candidate's performance determined how much of the Prop Blast Mixture he would receive, as each unsatisfactory event gained him another ladle of brew into the mug. During the Prop Blast Ceremony, "blastees" often drank from the mug to

the tune of "drink chug-a-lug" until they were finally accepted by the Board.

The only Battalion Prop Blast to be conducted overseas was on September 5, 1965, while the battalion was deployed to the Dominican Republic. The battalion began its deployment for the Dominican Republic on April 30, 1965, as part of Operation "Power Pack" designed to help quell the civil war raging in the country. As the situation stabilized and divisional units prepared for the long redeployment process, activities in the war-torn country became more static.

At the time, the 307th Headquarters was situated in a Spanish "hacienda" in a rural section of the Republic. This "CP" was a lavish residence which included a swimming pool which the battalion promptly used during its Prop Blast Ceremony.

The idea of a prop blast was not initially conceived as a part of the battalion's deployment, but gained support as events stabilized and daily life became more mundane. C Company and the 618th Engineer Company already had returned to Fort Bragg by the time of the ceremony. The Prop Blast Book was brought into country and the ceremony planned. This Prop Blast was actually a "send off" party for the then current battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel John

Sterling, and an impromptu reception for the incoming battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel John Waggener, who also needed to be initiated during this ceremony. Lieutenant Colonel Waggener assumed command of the battalion about 30 days later.

This Prop Blast was conducted throughout the house and surrounding area. It has been reported that "blastees" were required to execute frequent PLFs into the swimming pool and that all those veteran officers in attendance were enthusiastic about this new prop blast procedure.

Prop Blast ceremonies throughout the division in the mid sixties lost some of the dignity and history associated with this traditional event. Officers were encouraged to consume larger amounts of alcohol and were required to undergo more physically demanding activities. The Prop Blast, it appears, began to get out of hand. In early 1967, a series of prop blast ceremonies throughout the division resulted in the death of at least one young officer from an artillery battalion. This tragic accident was the result of an overconsumption of alcohol, as was often customary, and the subsequent asphyxiation of the officer. This incident permanently marred the prop blast tradition and resulted in a moratorium within the division on all prop blasts. This moratorium lasted for approximately four years.

MODERN PROP BLASTS

In early 1970, Lieutenant Colonel Al Rowe requested permission to reinstitute the Prop Blast ceremony. Following assurances that this ceremony would be properly supervised and conducted, the battalion's request was approved and on July 27, 1970, the 307th Engineer Battalion conducted a Prop Blast Ceremony at Trainers Tavern, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. By all records, this may have been the first Division Prop Blast to have been conducted after the long moratorium.

At this ceremony, the first in over three years, 36 officers of the battalion were "blasted" and recognized as full members of the battalion. For this ceremony, each officer had a sponsor who wrote him a letter inviting him to participate in the Prop Blast. By Colonel Rowe's recent account, that ceremony was conducted with all the dignity and pride accorded the first Prop Blast ceremony. It was difficult to find officers who had been initiated previously and new support equipment (mock door, etc) had to be constructed. For this ceremony, a new Battalion Prop Blast Mug was also commissioned and remains with the battalion today.

With permission to again conduct prop blasts came restrictions which helped to control them and to preserve

the solemnity and dignity of each event. Units were required to gain approval prior to conducting a prop blast. A senior officer was required to be present throughout the prop blast. A non-alcoholic prop blast mixture was required to be available for anyone who desired it, and each "blastee" was required to have a sponsor. Ceremonies were encouraged to incorporate the rich history of airborne service and be representative of the simple, symbolic ceremony from which it first began.

With this Prop Blast Ceremony, a new era began in the battalion which has endured for the past twenty years. Few officers have passed through the battalion during this time who have not undergone the traditional prop blast ceremony. The current Battalion Prop Blast Ceremony is described in more detail in Chapter III.

III. PRESERVING THE MEMORIES

CEREMONIES AND TRADITIONS

The Prop Blast Ceremony has evolved over time as a traditional "right of passage" for officers serving in airborne units. Since the first Prop Blast, a standard procedure has been followed that requires each officer to jump from a platform or mock door (simulating the "prop blast" when jumping from an aircraft), to perform a

parachute landing fall, and to drink a suitable brew from an appropriate container (Prop Blast Mug). Beyond these similarities, each Prop Blast ceremony is probably as individual as the unit which conducts it. There are recorded ceremonies which follow very closely that first Prop Blast. They have been very short and placid and have evoked the camaraderie and fellowship of the unit officer corps. Other prop blasts have been long, involving rigorous physical training and considerable "friendly" harassment. A unit Prop Blast ceremony can become a trademark of an individual unit and can be as steeped in history as the units lineage and honors.

Current battalion prop blasts go well beyond the scope of that first ceremony. Traditionally, every new officer who has not previously undergone a Prop Blast, is expected to participate in the Prop Blast Ceremony. While participation in this ceremony is voluntary, to refuse or to quit would not be received well by the other officers or the leadership of the unit. An officer would thus be more closely scrutinized and his reputation within the unit could be adversely affected. To participate in this traditional "right of passage" is to demonstrate humility and the ability to share hardship and friendship with novice comrades.

There are several recorded instances in the battalion where a new battalion commander was required to first participate himself in a Prop Blast prior to his becoming a bonafide member of the battalion's Prop Blast Board.

Today's ceremonies in the 307th generally begin with an early morning muster formation. Each candidate, or "blastee," is given a sequential number by rank beginning with the number "00"). This candidate is normally the senior officer and is responsible for organizing and leading the group throughout the Prop Blast Ceremony. At this muster, each officer is inspected for compliance with uniform and equipment directives, and is first questioned about his airborne knowledge by previously initiated officers of the battalion. Officers are normally required to be attired in a complete duty uniform and carry basic individual equipment items. Each officer is also provided a basic study guide (Appendix IV) prior to the actual Prop Blast ceremony. This study guide contains information regarding airborne and unit history, equipment nomenclature, airborne procedures, and songs which each officer is expected to memorize. Each Prop Blast group is encouraged to develop a unique identity and to show solidarity throughout the ceremony.

Throughout the day, Prop Blast candidates are required to perform rigorous physical training, airborne proficiency

training and team-building activities. A typical day characteristically includes airborne proficiency training at the 34-foot tower and mock-ups, a road march, an obstacle course, and the ever constant physical training (push-ups, etc). For those candidates who display an inability to properly perform required activities or display an inappropriate attitude, additional physical training can be expected. All evaluations are based on the subjective opinions of the battalion officers and translate into a considerable number of push ups, parachute landing falls (PLFs), and other physical activities for each candidate. As is the tradition, Prop Blast candidates are finally paraded through the division area so that others may see and adjudge the character of the group.

At the end of the day, Prop Blast candidates are assembled at a suitable location which has been prepared for the final portion of the Prop Blast Ceremony. At this time an operations order is issued describing their simulated mission and candidates are prepared for their final ordeal.

The Prop Blast Board, which must evaluate the performance of each candidate, normally consists of the battalion commander, several veteran officers of the battalion and a guest of honor. These officers constitute the voting members of the Board. Non-voting members of the board are the "Keeper-of-the-Mug" and "Keeper-of-the-Book."

Other battalion officers are assembled behind the Prop Blast Board and provide encouragement to "blastees" and the Board throughout the Prop Blast Ceremony. Questions and/or instructions are directed to Prop Blast candidates only by the Board, except when a request to do so by another officer is recognized by the President. A simple majority vote of the Board is required to accept a Prop Blast candidate.

Prop Blast candidates are required throughout this portion of the ceremony to jump from a mock door, perform a satisfactory PLF and report to the President of the Board, whereupon board members may ask pertinent questions to determine the candidate's airborne knowledge and desire. Multiple exits from the mock door and a rash of penetrating questions from the Board are usually the order of the evening. Prop Blast candidates are encouraged to show a spirited attitude and a good knowledge of airborne history and procedures. This generally places them in good favor with the Board and other officers and makes their selection process speedier.

Upon being voted "acceptable" by the Board, each candidate must report to the "Keeper-of-the-Mug" and receive instructions for presenting himself, with his properly charged Prop Blast Mug, before the President. After reporting, he is instructed to drink the contents of the mug while he is given a "count of four thousand." Any contents

remaining after that are to be poured over his head. For officers who have had a particularly hard time meeting the standards of the Board, a long count ("count of six thousand") may be required of the candidate. Both an alcoholic and a non-alcoholic mixture are available for consumption by Prop Blast candidates. Following this ceremonial drinking from the Mug, the "blastee" reports to the "Keeper-of-the-Book," affixes his signature to the Battalion Prop Blast Book and then is welcomed by the other officers of the Battalion.

THE PROP BLAST BOOK

The Battalion Prop Blast Book was begun with the first Prop Blast on April 14, 1951. It is a hard cover ledger of the time, to which has been affixed a small metal plate which simply states, "OFFICIAL PROP BLAST REGISTER, 307TH ABN. ENG. BN. 1951."

Appendix III is an extract of the Battalion Prop Blast Book. The discoloration and marks on many of the pages is due to the stains of time, attesting to the spirited conduct of Prop Blasts over the years. This simple book records 54 Prop Blasts to date and the names of 661 officers who have officially participated in this tradition with the 307th Engineer Battalion.

THE PROP BLAST MUG AND BOWL

The battalion has had two unit Prop Blast Mugs during the recorded period. The first mug was designed and constructed in 1961 as previously described. The whereabouts of this mug is unknown today.

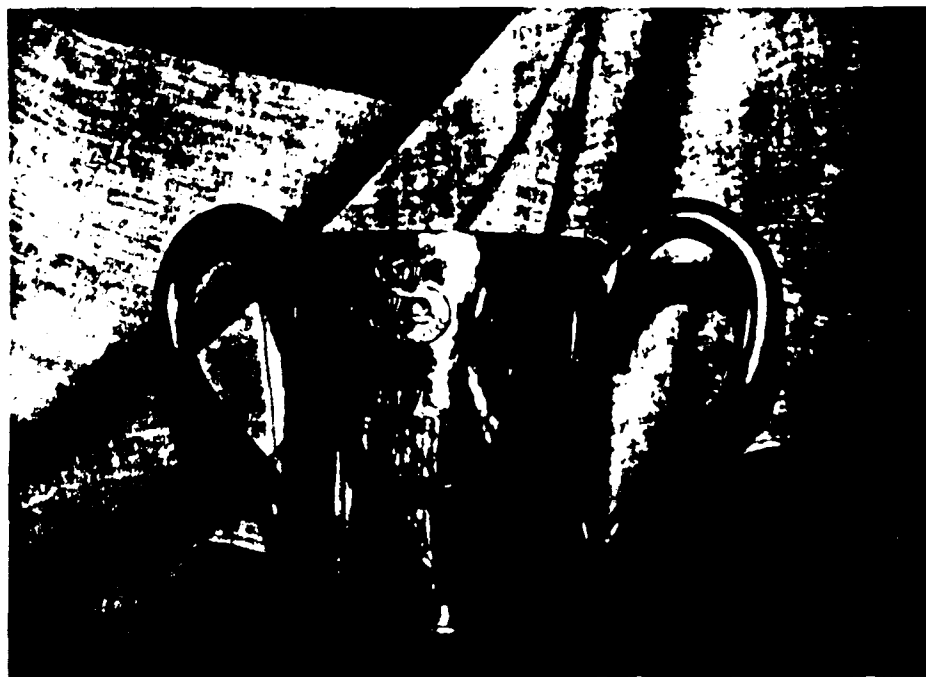
The current Battalion Prop Blast Mug was designed and constructed in 1970 in preparation for the renewed Prop Blast ceremony following a nearly four year moratorium on prop blasts. It is a modified 105mm shell casing to which two brass handles have been attached. On each side is affixed a crest of the 307th Engineer Battalion with the original motto "Je Maintien Devarl", a master parachutist badge, and an engineer castle. On the one side is a castle with numerals "307" and on the other a castle with numerals "618".

The origin of the Prop Blast Bowl is not clearly known. It is a silverplated punch bowl with an accompanying tray. It is believed to have been purchased by the battalion around the same time the Prop Blast Ceremony was reintroduced in 1971 and has been in constant use ever since.

In 1989, the 307th Engineer Battalion Prop Blast Mug was dubbed "The Tyler Tumbler" in honor of Captain Gary J. Tyler, a distinguished airborne officer and long time member of the 307th Engineer Battalion who was killed in a private



Battalion Prop Blast Mug, Bowl and Book



Battalion Prop Blast Mug

airplane crash on October 4, 1979. The inscription on the bottom of the Mug reads,

"Tyler Tumbler"

CPT Gary J. Tyler
1 Oct 47 - 4 Oct 79

A Professional Paratrooper who
epitomized the Airborne Spirit.

A brief history of Captain Tyler's life accompanies the Prop Blast Mug in the Battalion Headquarters.



RECOGNITION AND HONOR

Recognition of an officer having participated in this traditional ritual and having been properly "blasted" is an important aspect of a young airborne officer's social status. In earlier years, it was customary to have a certificate or statement signed by the unit attesting to the fact that an officer had been duly "blasted."

The actual beginning of any quasi-official Prop Blast Certificate or pocket card is unknown, but identification cards and certificates are known to have existed in the early 60's. Today, a Certificate of Prop Blast is awarded to each officer who successfully completes the Prop Blast and most units have locally produced a pocket card for the same purpose. The 307th Engineer Battalion designed a unit card in 1971 which is still in use today. The Battalion

Crest on this card carries an earlier motto of the Battalion, "May We Never Fall."

It has become customary for an officer to carry his Prop Blast Card at all times, and many veterans have been known to carry their card long after retirement. As is the custom, a veteran airborne officer may be asked to prove his qualification at any time by another airborne officer. Failure to immediately produce a Prop Blast Card, or proof thereof, usually results in a round of "good cheer" for all those officers present who can prove their qualification. At a minimum, a sharp counseling session and a reminder of one's airborne heritage will be in order.

	BE IT KNOWN BY ALL TROOPERS THAT
	
	Grade _____ Unit _____
Having engaged in the ancient and honorable ritual of the Prop Blast and having successfully completed same, and having entered his name in the Book of Honor, is hereby proclaimed a qualified trooper.	
Date _____	President _____

Battalion Prop Blast Card (c. 1971)

IV. IN CONCLUSION

The Prop Blast Ceremony and subsequent recognition have become a source of pride and honor among airborne officers. While the spirit of that first Prop Blast to show unity and camaraderie among an elite group of soldiers transcends every modern prop blast ceremony, current ceremonies evoke certain "bragging rights" among many officers about which was the most difficult or most demanding. Just as with his advanced rating as a parachutist, a large part of an airborne officer's social pride rests with his Prop Blast qualification.

The Prop Blast Ceremony will continue to be an important part of the 307th Engineer Battalion history and will provide one of the best continuous records of the many fine officers who serve in the battalion. Hopefully, this history will be expanded and improved as additional information becomes available through the many veterans of the battalion.

APPENDIX I

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE PROP BLAST

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A prop blast ceremony is generally a unique part of a unit's history. While a standard procedure has evolved over time, unit variations in regards to the actual conduct of the ceremony do exist. These variations may be a source of unit pride and heritage. The exact origin of the following guidelines is unknown, but these early procedures have generally governed the conduct of modern prop blasts.

1. Only those members who join a tactical organization for the first time after qualifying as a parachutist will be eligible for the Prop Blast Ceremony.
2. The Prop Blast Ceremony will be conducted by units in the same category, for example: active regiments, division artillery, special troops, separate battalions and reserve airborne units.
3. Personnel eligible to be prop blasted will be fully qualified airborne troopers.
4. The ingredients of the Prop Blast Mixture will not be divulged to anyone who is not a qualified and prop blasted parachutist. It will be prepared as follows: 75% champagne and 25% vodka with fresh lemon juice and sugar for flavoring. It will be served very cold.
5. The "Blastees" will be required to pay all expenses incident to conducting the ceremony. This, under normal circumstances, will not exceed \$25.00 per novice.
6. Novices will do all the work, provide all the labor and supervise the staging for the Prop Blast Ceremony (i.e. building of mock door, supplying tumbling mats, etc.).
7. Unit commanders will not require non-drinkers to imbibe of the Prop Blast Mixture. A suitable substitute will be provided.
8. A suitable container as a "Prop Blast Mug" acceptable to members of the unit will be provided.
9. Units will maintain a register showing the name and date of "Prop Blasting" of all parachutists of the unit.
10. The Prop Blast Ceremony shall be open to male personnel only. Only veteran parachutists will be permitted to be present, until, at the of the senior parachutist present,

the time is considered appropriate and opportune to permit the novices to enter.

11. Novices will wear a proper uniform, and upon entering will report to the senior member (qualified) of the unit present. The entry will normally go through a mock door after the proper commands, similar to those given in an actual parachute jump. A suitable PLF executed in acceptable fashion will follow their entry prior to reporting. At the direction of the senior parachutist present or an officer designated by him, and with his approval, they will be permitted to partake of the Prop Blast Mixture, while witnessing qualified parachutists give the count of, "One thousand, Two thousand, Three thousand, Four thousand."

12. If the blastee satisfies the senior member of his drinking, he will be considered blasted, but in case of faulty performance in his exit, tumble or drinking, the blastee will have a malfunction called and go through the stick again until he satisfactorily completes the blasting procedure.

13. At the direction of the senior parachutist, the history of the ceremony may be given prior to the entry of the novices.

14. In the event a mixed party follows, the novices and newly joined veteran parachutists will be presented to the assembled crowd. If it considered appropriate that the Prop Blast Ceremony be explained at this time.

15. The senior parachutist present is defined, for military ceremonies, as the senior in grade with the longest airborne services. For civilian ceremonies the senior will be the person present who first qualified as a parachutist.

16. The persons in charge are again reminded of their responsibilities in connection with the behavior and good manners of the members present. They are further reminded that the purpose of the Prop Blast is to give solemnity and dignity to a ceremony which through custom and usage has become the oldest and most honored tradition of our airborne troops.

APPENDIX II

307TH ENGINEER BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

PROP BLAST SUMMARY

**307TH ENGINEER BATTALION (AIRBORNE)
PROP BLAST SUMMARY**

PROP BLAST	DATE	OFFICERS	LOCATION
1.	14 Apr 1951	7	Battalion Officers' Club
2.	30 Jun 1951	5	Battalion Officers' Club
3.	13 Oct 1951	10	
4.	25 Jan 1952	7	
5.	6 Aug 1952	13	
6.	12 Dec 1952	12	
7.	27 Mar 1953	26	
8.	19 Jun 1953	26	
9.	19 Feb 1954	13	
10.	23 Jul 1954	21	
11.	18 Nov 1954	8	
12.	23 Sep 1955	15	
13.	6 Apr 1956	5	
14.	30 Jul 1958	1	
15.	4 Sep 1959	20	
16.	25 Oct 1960	12	
17.	29 May 1961	16	
18.	22 Dec 1961	9	
19.	3 Aug 1962	15	
20.	28 Sep 1963	9	
21.	28 May 1964	13	
22.	5 Mar 1965	13	
23.	5 Sep 1965	8	Dominican Republic
24.	21 Jan 1966	10	
25.	12 Aug 1966	14	Pope AFB Log Cabin
26.	2 Dec 1966	23	
27.	27 Jul 1970	36	Trainers Tavern
28.	26 Feb 1971	23	Trainers Tavern
29.	13 Nov 1971	12	Trainers Tavern
30.	12 Aug 1972	10	Trainers Tavern
31.	26 May 1973	18	Trainers Tavern
32.	25 Aug 1973	10	Trainers Tavern
33.	20 Jul 1974	16	Trainers Tavern
34.	5 Sep 1975	9	Trainers Tavern
35.	8 Apr 1976	9	Battalion Classroom
36.	5 Nov 1976	8	Battalion Classroom
37.	18 Nov 1977	12	Battalion Classroom
38.	26 May 1978	13	Battalion S4 Bldg
39.	26 Jan 1979	8	Trainers Tavern
40.	28 Sep 1979	12	Division Classroom
41.	16 May 1980	11	4-68 AR Classroom
42.	12 Dec 1980	10	3-4 ADA Classroom
43.	1 May 1981	8	4-68 AR Classroom
44.	16 Apr 1982	10	Battalion Motor Pool

45.	29 Oct 1982	11	Battalion Motor Pool
46.	15 Sep 1983	7	Battalion Motor pool
47.	17 Aug 1984	9	Battalion Motor Pool
48.	29 Mar 1985	7	Battalion Motor Pool
49.	15 Nov 1985	14	Battalion Motor Pool
50.	18 Apr 1986	10	Battalion Motor Pool
51.	19 Dec 1986	8	Battalion Motor Pool
52.	08 Oct 1987	9	Battalion Motor Pool
53.	26 Aug 1988	12	Battalion Motor Pool
54.	02 Jun 1989	8	Battalion Motor Pool

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APPENDIX III

307TH ENGINEER BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

PROP BLAST BOOK

DATE	BLASTTEE	PRESIDENT
12 Dec 52	Norman E. Edwards	May J. Pysan
12 Dec 52	Ferdinand Plosny	May J. Pysan
12 Dec 52	Norman, K. Crockett	May J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Edward S. Wilson	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Lewis Negro	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	James B. Jones	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Ray C. Thomas	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	John A. Hamilton	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Edward E. Weythrich	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Savior F. dehas	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Charles R. Hansen	2d. Col. A. A. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Joseph B. Swogelcke	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Joseph W. Paschke Jr.	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	John S. Phillips	Lt. Col. A. I. Ryan
27 Mar 53	Robert L. Gynell	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Ray C. Lewis	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Donald J. Wild	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Kenneth D. Peterson	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Richard A. Weibman	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	John C. Hunt	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Joseph J. Dwyer	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Freddie L. Brown	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	Edward J. Tupper	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	William M. Newland	MAY J. Pysan
27 Mar 53	S. Lewis Hansen	MAY J. Pysan
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Date	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
19 Jun 53	Thomas E. Houseo.	MAT go h c Seely
19 Jun 53	William C. Goff	MAT John C Seely
19 Jun 53	William E. Haver	MAT John C Seely
19 Feb 54	Homer Ambrose Jr.	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Ed Dyer Jr.	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	William K. Price	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Basil E. McCarty	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Leon C. Zingales	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Edward P. Lewis	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	John M. Thomas	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Robert L. Bingham	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Henry B. Burton	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Nolan E. Lee	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	James G. Giffith	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Frederick	Lt Col Edward A Seely
19 Feb 54	Edward A. Seely	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Meritt R. Holcomb	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Albert W. Ride Jr.	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Ellis L. Hancock	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Edward A. Seely	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Billy E. Floyd	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Robert L. Jerry	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	James W. Elliott	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Harry L. Green	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Clayton L. Bachman Jr.	Lt Col Edward A Seely
23 July 54	Richard A. Bullis	Lt Col Edward A Seely
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23 July 54	Laurence S. Fodewick	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Laithen C. Gray	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Jack M. Lewis	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	John C. Benedict	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	John E. Wilson	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Edward Fleming	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Howard S. Saker	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Ernest C. Royal	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Edward R. Hallett	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 July 54	Robert M. Hallett	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
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23 July 54	Robert M. Hallett	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov. 54	John D. Platt	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	John O. Pearson	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	Robert J. Brown	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	Mervin H. Stock	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	Robert E. Hallett Jr.	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	Harry A. Hodges	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
18 Nov 54	Eljah H. Garrison	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	Robert H. Hallett	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	Mervin H. Stock	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	Frederic P. Reynolds	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	George Ashton	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	James C. Skinner	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett
23 Sept 55	Donald S. Eberle	Lt. Col. E. A. Hallett

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23 Sept 55	John C. Langer	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Charles B. Lennard	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Donald R. Green	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Robert Raymond	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Franklin E. Ziegler	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Robert E. Ziegler	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Robert E. Ziegler	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	William J. Lundy	Lt. Col. EA. Hackett
23 Sept 55	Robert G. McFadden	MAJ AE Pokorny
6 April 56	Robert J. Stewart	MAJ AE Pokorny
6 April 56	Charles L. Halling	MAJ AE Pokorny
6 April 56	Robert H. Morgan	MAJ AE Pokorny
6 April 56	Forrest J. Day, III	MAJ AE Pokorny
30 July 58	Arnold J. Gully	Lt. Col. J. G. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Horace J. Crouch, Jr.	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Charles E. O'Brien	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Donald J. Palladino	Capt Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Terence J. Carmell	Maj W. H. Crouch
1 Sept 59	Jerome A. Bluschette	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	William W. Young, Jr.	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Samuel J. Collins	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Martin B. Carson	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Donald R. Thomas	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Charles F. Kimbrell	Maj W. H. Crouch
4 Sept 59	Thomas C. Childbrand	Maj W. H. Crouch
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4 Sep 59	Louise T. O'Hara 1/2	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	Theresa M. Thomas 1/2	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	Frank S. Looch 1/2	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	Robert M. Banks 2/2	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	Robert K. Levine 1/2	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	William M. White	CWO James A. Chisholm
4 Sep 59	Robert Mayell May	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Robert F. Dexter Capt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	King Lomant 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Jack E. Brannan 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Kenneth Butler 2nd Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Donald S. Crofton 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Edward E. Charles 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	John M. Ford 2nd Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	George S. Sweeney 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Paul W. Tompkins 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Sidney L. Walton 2nd Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	Larry Beebe 3rd Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
25 Oct 60	William G. Galt 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	Frank W. Green 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	John F. Ahly 1st Lt, CWO	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	John S. S. 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	Wayne C. C. 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	Eric X. P. 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
29 May 61	Frank J. F. 1st Lt	CWO James A. Chisholm
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DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
28 Sept 63	Milton W. S. Jr.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	William J. H. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Raymond J. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Victor J. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Robert J. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Fred J. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Joseph E. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	Charles W. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras
28 Sept 63	David J. H. H.	B. F. Fundergras

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Charles C. Brethaupt Jr. 1/1
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Date	Blastee	President
28 May 64	John E. Sterling	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Samuel T. Walker	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	James Allen	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Harold E. Morgan	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Richard E. Mayo	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	William J. Fuchs	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	William J. Fuchs	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Abm J. [unclear]	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Second [unclear]	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Richard [unclear]	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Ronald [unclear]	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Robert [unclear]	John E. Sterling
28 May 64	Arthur J. Bader	John E. Sterling

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Joseph E. Drouin 1st CE
Prop Blast Adjutant

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Robert H. Brown

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John E. Sterling

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Donald L. Siskwater

John E. Sterling

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William J. Smith

John E. Sterling

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Harold O. Marshall

John E. Sterling

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John K. Winkler, Jr.

John E. Sterling

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Jerry Nungawa

John E. Sterling

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Larry O. Page

John E. Sterling

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Sydney W. Griffin

John E. Sterling

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Charles J. Davis

John E. Sterling

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Walter J. Miller

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John J. Van Hook

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William R. Andrews, Jr.

Lt, CE

Prop Blast Adjutant

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Harry J. Simmons

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CAPT CE PROP-BLAST ADJUTANT
5 SEP 65

Pope AFB Log Cabin, North Carolina, USA

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Robert A. Walton
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Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA

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2 December 1966

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2 Dec 66 (1)	Jack E. Brown, Jr.	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (2)	Harvey L. Gorman	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (3)	Larry E. Gorman	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (4)	Dale H. Gyn	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (5)	Stewart L. Stuber	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (6)	STAG Carlin	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (7)	Anthony R. Cozier (COZIER)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (8)	John M. DePonai (DEPONAI)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (9)	Fred K. Gordiner (GORDINER)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (10)	Louis M. Gyn (GYN)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (11)	Karl F. Schind	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (12)	Walter A. Hayes (Hayes)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (13)	Walter A. Bradley (BRADLEY)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (14)	Walter A. Birchmold (BIRCHMOLD)	John H. Haggard
2 Dec 66 (15)	Walter A. Bryant (BRYANT)	John H. Haggard

2 Dec 66 (16)	Joseph Flayna (Capezza)	050 21219	John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (17)	Roy Scott		John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (18)	Larry A. Donnell	(DONNELL)	John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (19)	Roy A. Prince		John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (20)	Michael W. Collins (COLLINS)		John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (21)	Paul (KESLAR, H J.)		John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (22)	Ein. 2 Zandberg (LANDENBURG)		John H. Hynes
2 Dec 66 (23)	John E. Thorsen Capt C (THORSEN)		John H. Hynes

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By

Robert H. Walter
 1LT EN Prop Blast Adjutant

NAME

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25 July (26) Gerald J. Infanger

" (27) James R. [unclear]

" (28) [unclear]

" (29) [unclear]

" (30) [unclear]

" (31) Robert Koenig

" (32) John F. Masquand

" (33) Douglas E. Raymond

" (34) [unclear]

" (35) [unclear]

" (36) James D. Cooper

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Ronald E. Marvin
 CPT. EN. PROP BLAST ADJUTANT

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26 February 1971

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
26 February 1971	1. Mark E. Bacon	J. Miller
26 February 1971	2. Philip D. Bridges	J. Miller
26 February 1971	3. Richard J. Stutzman	J. Miller
26 February 1971	4. Kenneth P. Durbin	J. Miller
26 February 1971	5. Fred J. Schaffner	J. Miller
26 February 1971	6. Gayle E. Davis	J. Miller
26 February 1971	7. Daniel J. Wiyarski	J. Miller
26 February 1971	8. Charles E. Morrison	J. Miller
26 February 1971	9. Charles J. Winkler	J. Miller
26 February 1971	10. Richard J. Stutzman	J. Miller
26 February 1971	11. William H. Allen	J. Miller
26 February 1971	12. Walter C. Lee	J. Miller
26 February 1971	13. Thomas A. Scanlon	J. Miller
26 February 1971	14. David W. Woollyff	J. Miller
26 February 1971	15. William S. Kerwell	J. Miller
26 February 1971	16. Raymond V. Jones	J. Miller
26 February 1971	17. Thomas J. Davis	J. Miller
26 February 1971	18. Thomas J. Davis	J. Miller
26 February 1971	19. Robert S. Thompson	J. Miller
26 February 1971	20. Lawrence Dyer	J. Miller
26 February 1971	21. Henry M. Kennedy	J. Miller
26 February 1971	22. Thomas J. Davis	J. Miller
26 February 1971	23. Warren D. Sharp	J. Miller
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TRAINER'S TAVERN
 FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA
 13 Nov 1971

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
13 Nov 71	(1) Stevens McDowell Lettner	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(2) Charles Douglas Leavitt	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(3) Anthony C. Hermes	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(4) Jon B. Noel	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(5) Bruce Anderson	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(6) Michael R. Bryan	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(7) Michael R. Mason	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(8) Filmore Watson	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(9) Willie Jones	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(10) Paul C. L. L. L.	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(11) George F. Smith	J. M. L.
13 Nov 71	(12) Kay C. L. L.	J. M. L.
LAST ENTRY		

ABOVE VERIFIED BY:

David W. Scott

CPT, EN, PROP BLAST ADJUTANT

TRAINER'S TAVERN 31
 FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

12 AUG 72

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
12 AUG 72	(1) Donald C. Shaw	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(2) Larry H. Smith	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(3) Robert Smith	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(4) Joseph J. Holcomb	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(5) Paul S. Beatty (USMA Cadet)	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(6) Thomas J. Dorman	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(7) William R. Bowden	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(8) Richard J. Collo	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(9) Michael J. P. P. P.	Don Bunker
12 AUG 72	(10) Lt. Nick Schofield (SCHOFIELD)	Don Bunker
LAST ENTRY		

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Key [Signature]
 CPT, EN, BOARD READER

TRAINER'S TAVERN

FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

26 MAY 1973

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
26 May 73	① Ronald P. Hanger Cpt	Com Bunker
26 May 73	② William J. Hanger CPT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	③ Edward S. Cappellet Cpt	Com Bunker
26 May 73	④ Harold B. Chollers Cpt	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑤ Harry R. Seungale 1LT, MI	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑥ James A. Wenden 1LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑦ David M. Burns 1LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑧ James M. Cain II 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑨ Lawrence R. Lanerud 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑩ William A. Funderburg 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑪ Brett L. Hanks 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑫ Stephen B. Massey 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 73	⑬ John R. O'Han 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 1973	⑭ Donald A. Barbuski 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 1973	⑮ Man G. Wint 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 1973	⑯ Fred K. Schung 2LT	Com Bunker
26 May 1973	Richard O. Polo Hon Member	Com Bunker

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ABOVE VERIFIED BY:

Murray L. Prosser

CWY CE REF. RECORDER.

TRAINER'S TAVERN

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FORT BRagg, North Carolina

25 AUG 73

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
25 AUG 73	Kenny M. DeLoatch 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Stanley K. Gray 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Norman J. W. W. 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Sean P. Smith 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Charles E. Warner 1LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Daniel F. Wheeler 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Stephen R. Thomas 1LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	George L. Dargatz 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Donald O. Cooper 2LT	Ed Banister
25 AUG 73	Leif E. E. 1LT	Ed Banister

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Charles E. E. /
PROP BLAST, ADJUTANT

TRAINER'S TAVERN

FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

20 JULY 1974

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
20 JULY 74	Frank D. Mullen, 1LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	James V. Lee Jr Capt.	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	James C. Thompson 1LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Robert D. Sullivan 1LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	David A. Jackson 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Donald T. Kuster 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Donna H. Brown CPT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Allen J. Egan 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Ronald M. Lee CPT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Thomas J. Golecki 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Richard M. Smuckers 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Brian J. Reichert 1LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Richard A. Brown 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Ronald J. Martin 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Robert M. Hatten 2LT	Ed Baerts
20 JULY 74	Danman P. Kelly 2LT	Ed Baerts

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Stanley R. Gray, 1LT, EN
PROP BLAST, ADJUTANT

TRAINER'S TAVERN

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FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

5 SEPTEMBER 1975

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
5 SEP 75	William A Miller, Major	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Walter Clayton CPT	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Walter Clayton CPT	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Paul R. Miller, 2LT, MS	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Richard H. Allen, 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Charles J. Brown, 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	GERALD L. BEHNKE, 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Gregory K. Phillips, 1LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
5 SEP 75	Robert J. Melchior, CPT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
Last Entry		

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GARY J. TYLER

CPT, EN

"AIRBORNE ADJUTANT"


PROP BLAST Committee

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307th ENGR BN CLASSROOM (OLD DIV)

FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

8 APRIL 1976

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
8 April 76	James S. Inkam MAJ, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	David J. Francis 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Harmond L. Adams CPT, (SIG) EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Bartholomew B. Kottm II CPT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Peter T. Braden 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Thomas S. Realy 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Thomas S. Realy CPT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Patrick B. Jindlay 2LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
8 April 76	Barry J. Jatten 1LT, EN	Lee R. Nguyen
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307th ENGR CLASSROOM Bldg (Old Div) 37
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

5 NOVEMBER 1976

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
5 NOV 76	<i>August H. Phillips III</i> MAJ, EN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>John B. Smith</i> (SMITH), LT, EN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Robert J. [unclear]</i> 2LT, EN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Robert L. [unclear]</i> 2LT, SC	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Robert K. Holcombe</i> COT (EN) * CE	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Stephen T. Engman</i> , 2LT, EN.	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Howard D. [unclear]</i> , 1LT, IN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Next to</i> CPT, EN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	LAST ENTRY	XXXXXXXXXXXX
5 NOV 76	<i>Shannon [unclear]</i> CPT EN	<i>W. J. [unclear]</i>
5 NOV 76	<i>Shannon [unclear]</i>	XXXXXXXXXXXX

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[Signature]
GARY J. TYLER

CPT, EN A/307 EN ODR
PROP BLAST COMMITTEE RECORDER

* Count of six thousand.

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MAJ, EN
XO, AIRBORNE

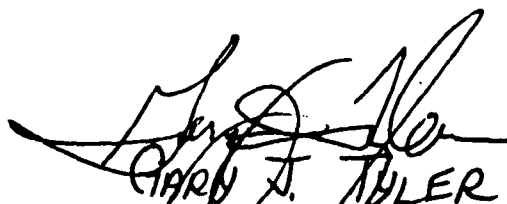
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307th ENGR BN CLASSROOM Bldg (Old Div)

FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

18 NOVEMBER 1977

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
18 Nov 77	Allen Deraci CPT SC	unf
18 Nov 77	Richard G. Hefert 1LT, EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Steve Hefert 2LT EN	unf
18 Nov 77 *	Robert A. Hefert 1LT, EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Edward R. Murdough 2LT EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Ray W. Hefert 2LT EN	unf
18 Nov 77	2LT EN	unf
18 Nov 77	David L. (Boom Boom) Hayden 2LT, EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Ronald Lee Stewart CPT, EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Walter J. Penner 2LT, MI	unf
18 Nov 77	Jerry D. Short 2LT, EN	unf
18 Nov 77	Paul R. Bennett 2LT, EN	unf
LAST ENTRY		


 GARY J. TYLER
 CPT, EN
 AIRBORNE RECORDER
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307th Engr Bn S-4 Bldg (New Div) 39
Ft. Bragg, N.C.

26 May, 1978

Date	NAME	President
26 May 78	John M. Moore MAT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Mark J. Klaiber 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	George G. Mitchell 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Jonathan A. McColson CPT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Joe D. Hiest CPT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Frank M. Hiest 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	William A. Van Horn CPT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Steve R. Krinis 1LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	William R. Rauls 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Edward J. Christy 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Mark A. Soltero 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Arne R. Erickson 2LT	James G. Hines
26 May 78	Neal N. Moore 2LT *	James G. Hines
Last Entry		
Anthony C. Hines Capt EN Recorder		
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TRAINER'S TAVERN FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

26 JANUARY 1979

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
26 JAN 79	Merritt W. B. Temple, 1LT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	Richard E. Sharp, 2LT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	Clifford R. Pollock, CPT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	Daniel J. Kenney, MAJ, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	James J. Kelly, LT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	James J. Kelly, 2LT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	Thomas Hill Henderson, 2LT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
26 JAN 79	Richard A. Uman, CPT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
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THOMAS S REEDER

1LT, EN

AIRBORNE RECORDER

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28 September 1979


Richard A. Hefert
RICHARD A. HEFERT
1LT, EN
Airborne Recorder
Prop Blast Committee

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82ND ABN DIV 4/68TH CLASSROOM
FORT BRASS, NORTH CAROLINA

16 May 1980

DATE	NAME		PRESIDENT
16 May 80	William W. Winkler	CPT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Theodore P. Pigo	1LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Andrew J. Duffly	2LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Kenneth E. Jager	WO1	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Joseph Carmody	WO1	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Robert V. Kojima	1LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Robert M. Maloney	1LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Robert M. Maloney	2LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	William H. H. H.	2LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	Bruce J. Cain	2LT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
16 May 80	John C. Butler	CPT, EN	Harold M. Seabree
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 DALE B. BODMAN
 1LT, SC
 AIRBORNE RECORDER
 PROP BLAST COMMITTEE

3/4 ADA Classroom
82d Airborne Division
Fort Bragg North Carolina

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12 December 1980

DATE	NAME		PRESIDENT
12 Dec 80	Robert D. Huran	LTC, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	Scott A. Swook	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	Edward Kraft	CPT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	x William B. Cunn	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	x Philip L. Furr	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	Mark J. Klaiber	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	x D. Mann, I	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	James A. Thompson	1LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	x Jeff Wade French	OT, EN	Robert D. Huran
12 Dec 80	x Patrick Hugh Terry Jr.	2LT, EN	Robert D. Huran
LAST ENTRY			

Mark J. Klaiber

MARK J. KLAIBER

1LT, EN

Airborne Recorder

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"Master Blaster"

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4/68 ARMOR CLASS ROOM
 82d Airborne Division
 Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1 May 1981

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
1 May 81	John C. Zipp Jr	John D. Howard
1 May 81	Robert B. Johnson	John D. Howard
1 May 81	Daniel W. Holloft	John D. Howard
1 May 81	John D. Fuschle	John D. Howard
1 May 81	George W. Hord	John D. Howard
1 May 81	Boyd Z. Farnes	John D. Howard
1 May 81	John A. Dugan	John D. Howard
1 May 81	Thomas A. Layne	John D. Howard
	LAST ENTRY	

Mark Klaiber
 MARK J. KLAIBER
 CPT, EN
 Airborne Recorder
 Prop Blast Committee
 "Master Blaster"

307 ENGINEER MOTOR POOL
82d Airborne Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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16 APRIL 1982

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
16 APR 82	Gregory Allen Harding CPT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Samuel J. Henderson ZLT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Willis F. Hill CPT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Samuel J. Henderson 1LT, CH	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Joe Joe Davis CPT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Samuel J. Ward Jr. ZLT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Willis F. Hill ZLT, SC	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Harry Brookington ZLT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Vill J. Haydon ZLT, EN	Robert J. Haward
16 APR 82	Charles E. Turner ZLT, EN	Robert J. Haward
LAST ENTRY		

Albert M. Blearley
ALBERT M. BLEARLEY
1LT, EN
AIRBORNE RECORDER
PROP BLAST COMMITTEE

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307TH ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR POOL
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, 28307

29 OCTOBER 1982

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
29 OCT 82	_____	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	Peter F. Torgler Jr.	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	James M. C. Smith	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	_____	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	Hubert Sisson	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	Timothy G. Tordella	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	_____	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	Pedro J. Oliver	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	John H. Rennie	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	William D. C. Smith	Col. J. D. Dwyer
29 OCT 82	Keith A. Martin	Col. J. D. Dwyer

Edward K. Kraft
CPT, EN,
Airborne Recorder
Prop Blast Committee

Robert W. Stark
1CT EN
Airborne Recorder
Prop Blast Committee
"Master Blaster"

307TH ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR ^{Pool}
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, 28307

15 SEPTEMBER 1983

Manifest / Occupancy: 1935 hrs

DATE	NAME	PRESIDENT
15 Sep 83	William D. Rogers 2LT, EN	Larry 1830
15 Sep 83	Donald O. McNamee	Larry 1830
15 Sep 83	Wendell A. Cummings, 1LT, EN	Larry 1830
15 Sep 83	Mark J. Nelson	Larry 1830
15 Sep 83	Robert H. Morgan 2LT, EN	Larry 1830
15 SEP 83	Donald McNamee	Larry 1830
15 SEP 83	Norman H. Blount	Larry 1830
LAST ENTRY		

William B. Cross
William B. Cross
1LT, EN (The Airborne Anchor Clapper)
Airborne Recorder "Master Blaster"
Prop Blast Committee

307th ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR POOL
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
FT BRAGG, NC 28307-5100

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
17 AUG 84	Art W. Thompson CPT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	Robert J. Cannon 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	James R. Ross 1LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	Michael T. Moran 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	Kevin D. Ryan 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	St. Anthony 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	William N. Proctor CPT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	James O. Dallinger 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
17 AUG 84	Mr W. W. H. H. 2LT, EN	Lamyk330
18 AUG 84	Walter D. Wanier 2LT, EN	Lamyk330

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JAMES D OWENS, JR

CPT, EN

AIRBORNE RECORDER

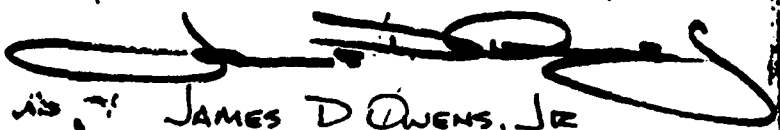
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307th ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR POOL
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
FT BRAGG, NC 28307-5100

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MARCH 1985

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
29 MARCH 85	Robert J. [unclear] 2LT, EN	Lanyibzzo
29 MARCH 85	Daniel A. Ashcroft 2LT, EN	Lanyibzzo
29 MARCH 85	Michael K. Harris 2LT, EN	Lanyibzzo
30 MAR 85		
30 MAR 85	Billy L. Fitch 2LT, EN	Lanyibzzo
30 MAR 85	William E. [unclear] 2LT, EN	Lanyibzzo
30 MAR 85	[unclear] CPT, EN	Lanyibzzo
30 MAR 85	John W. [unclear] CPT, EN	Lanyibzzo
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JAMES D. OWENS, JR.

CPT, EN

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307th Engineer Battalion Motor Pool
82d Airborne Division
LT Bragg, N.C 28307-5100

15 Nov 85

Date	Blastee	President
15 Nov 85	Kenneth Blair (FISHER) CPT. Blair	Robert B. Flann
15 Nov 85	C. Matthew Keat (PELOT) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
15 Nov 85	David D. Comer (CONNER) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
15 Nov 85	Saondar Krishna (FOOKLEO) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
15 Nov 85	Ross A. Dicks (DICKS) WO1	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85		
16 Nov 85	Donald Blair (THACKER) 2LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	Franklin Delano Salt (FORD) 2LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	William G. Ramez (RAYNES) CPT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	Paul Mulley (MALLEY) CPT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	James Santangelo (SANTANGELO) 2LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	David A. Youngberg (WIGGNER) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	David A. Youngberg (YOUNGBERG) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	James J. Salter (SALTER) 1LT, EN	Robert B. Flann
16 Nov 85	Robert A. Whalen (WHALEN) CPT, EN	Robert B. Flann
LAST ENTRY		

Matthew Butler
William B. Butler
CPT, B-1
Airborne Recorder
Prop Blast Committee

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19 APRIL 1986

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
18 APRIL 1986	Carol J. Kibler (ROBILLARD)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	Patricia J. Healy (HEALY)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Marafino (MARAFINO)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John B. Tarrow (TARROW)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (QUINN)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (NOAH)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (KEENAN)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (HEAVES)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (FORER)	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	David O. Forter	Robert B. Hawer
19 APRIL 1986	John J. Quinn (HANS)	Robert B. Hawer

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KURT G. HOFFMANN JR.
CPT, EN
AIRBORNE RECORDER
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82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
FORT BRAGG, NC 28307-5100

19 DECEMBER 1986

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
19 DEC 86	Randall A. Gyr	Robert B. Flower
19 DEC 86	Monte A. Thompson ^{LTJG}	Robert B. Flower
19 DEC 86	James A. Buck	Robert B. Flower
19 DEC 86	William Z. McChrystal	Robert B. Flower
19 DEC 86	Mark L. Eubank	Robert B. Flower
19 DEC 86	Michael W. Freeman	Robert B. Flower
20 DECEMBER 1986		
20 DEC 86	Christy Johnson	Robert B. Flower
20 DEC 86	Johnny D. Hall	Robert B. Flower
LAST ENTRY		

John W. Peabody
JOHN W. PEABODY
CAPT, BN
AIRBORNE RECORDS
PEOP BLAST COMMITTEE

307TH ENGINEER BATTALION
MOTOR POOL, 82 ABN DIV
FORT BRAGG NC 28307-5100

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8 OCTOBER 1987

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
8 OCT 87	<i>David C Moran</i> DAVID C MORAN CPT (CH)	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCTOBER 1987		
9 OCT 87	<i>Scott F Donahue</i> SCOTT F. DONAHUE CPT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Thomas P Hoenstine</i> THOMAS P HOENSTINE ZLT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Peter J Deluca</i> PETER DELUCA CPT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Charles S Slatton II</i> CHARLES S. SLATTON II ZLT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Ted C Wagner</i> TED C WAGNER ZLT, SC	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Darrel R Strother</i> DARREL R. STROTHER ZLT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>Don Morris</i> DON MORRIS CW2 PA	<i>[Signature]</i>
9 OCT 87	<i>David Lavery</i> DAVID LAVERY CPT, EN	<i>[Signature]</i>
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William C Raynes
WILLIAM C RAYNES
CPT, EN COR C CO
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307th ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR POOL
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
FORT BRAGG, NC 28307-5100

26 AUGUST 1988
(0730)

DATE	BLASTEE	PRESIDENT
	22 AUGUST 1988	
27 AUG 88	W. J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	John J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Chas. J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Mark J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Raymond J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Edward J. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	John M. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Vernon R. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Jim A. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	John H. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Andrew G. Loring	Melch.
27 AUG 88	Paul D. Loring (0350)	Melch.
LAST ENTRY		

LORING
CPT, EN
MAUS
2LT, EN
LARSIN
CPT, EN
PAPE
2LT, EN
GATLAND
2LT, EN
O'BRIEN
1LT, EN
DRISCOLL
1LT, EN
REKHLING
2LT, EN
JONES
1LT, EN
SKILES
2LT, EN
CROSS
2LT, EN
RUMMAVILL
2LT, EN

Johnny O. Lock
JOHNNY D. LOCK
CPT EN, CDR G CO.
AIRBORNE RECORDER
PROP BLAST COMMITTEE

307th ENGINEER BATTALION MOTOR POOL
82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
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APPENDIX IV

**307TH ENGINEER BATTALION (AIRBORNE)
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AIRBORNE HISTORY

1. Who is known as the "Father of the Airborne"?
A: MG William C. Lee
2. What was the first US Airborne Unit and who was its leader?
A: A test platoon formed in July 1940, from the 29th Infantry Regiment; 1LT William T. Ryder was the platoon leader.
3. When was the first official US Army parachute jump made, by whom, where, and from what type of aircraft?
A: 16 August 1940, 1LT William T. Ryder, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Georgia, B-18 bomber.
4. Who was the first enlisted man to make a parachute jump and why him?
A: PVT William N. King following 1LT Ryder out of the door. He won the honor in a lottery with his fellow troopers of the parachute test platoon.
5. What was the first Airborne Battalion and who was its commander?
A: The 501st Parachute Battalion commanded by MAJ William M. Miley.
6. Where did the first US Army combat jump take place?
A: Near Oran, Algeria, in North Africa on 8 November 1942 by elements of the 509th Parachute Infantry.

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION HISTORY

1. On what date and where was the 82nd Infantry Division initially activated?

A: On 25 August 1917 at Camp Gordon, GA.

2. When was the Division inactivated following WW I?

A: 27 May 1919.

3. On what date was the 82nd Airborne Division reactivated for WW II and under whose command?

A: 25 March 1942 under the command of MG Omar N. Bradley.

4. On what date was the 82nd Airborne Division designated as the Army's first airborne division?

A: 15 August 1942

5. What is the nickname of the 82nd Airborne Division and how did it receive it?

A: The Division was dubbed The "All Americans" during its activation for WW I when it was discovered that there were men in the unit from each of the United States.

6. Who was the first Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division?

A: MG Eben Swift

7. When did the 82nd Airborne Division first come to Fort Bragg?

A: 14 October 1942

8. What former members of the 82nd who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and when?

A: LTC Emory J. Pike, 15 September 1918

CPL Alvin C. York, 8 October 1918

PFC Charles N. DeGlopper, 9 June 1944

PVT John R. Towle, 21 September 1944

1SG Leonard Funk, 29 January 1945

9. What were the three original Infantry regiments of the Division?

A: 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment

505th Parachute Infantry Regiment

325th Glider Infantry Regiment

10. What is the location and date of all combat jumps made by units of the 82nd Airborne Division?

A: Gela, Sicily, 9 July 1943

Salerno, Italy, 13 September 1943

Normandy, France, 6 June 1944
Nijmegen, Holland, 17 September 1944
Torrijos, Panama, 20 December 1989

11. In what WW I campaigns did units of the 82nd Airborne Division participate?

A: Lorraine
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne

12. In what WW II campaigns did units of the 82nd Airborne Division participate?

A: Sicily	Holland
Salerno	Ardennes
Anzio	Rhineland
Naples-Foggia	Central Europe
Normandy	

13. In what other conflicts have units of the 82nd Airborne Division participated?

A: Dominican Republic
Republic of Vietnam
Grenada
Panama

14. Who were the three wartime (WW II) Division Commanders.

A: MG Omar N. Bradley
MG Matthew B. Ridgway
MG James M. Gavin

15. When did the 82nd Airborne Division return to the U. S. after WW II?

A: 3 January 1946

16. When was the 82nd Airborne Division designated a Regular Army Division?

A: 15 November 1948

17. What unit of the Division deployed to Vietnam?

A: The 3rd Brigade deployed to RVN on 14 February 1968 and returned to Fort Bragg on 12 December 1969

18. When did the Division deploy to Grenada?

A: 25 October 1983

19. What two members of the Division were killed in action in Grenada?

A: CPT Michael Ritz, Company B, 2-325th Infantry
SSG Gary Epps, Company B, 2-325th Infantry

20. What are the major subordinate commands of the 82nd Airborne Division?

A: 1st Brigade (504th Parachute Infantry Regiment)
2nd Brigade (325th Airborne Infantry Regiment)
3rd Brigade (505th Parachute Infantry Regiment)
Division Artillery
82nd Aviation Brigade
Division Support Command
3rd Battalion (ABN), 4th Air Defense Artillery
3rd Battalion (ABN), 73rd Armor
82nd Signal Battalion (Airborne)
307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne)
313th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI)(ABN)

21. Who are the current Division and Major Subordinate Command Commanders?

A:

307TH ENGINEER BATTALION HISTORY

1. When was the 307th Engineer Battalion constituted and what was its original designation?
A. 3 August 1917, 307th Engineer Regiment (Sapper)
2. When and where was the 307th organized?
A. 27 August 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia
3. Who was the first commander of the 307th Engineer Regiment?
A. COL Earl I. Brown
4. When did the Regiment arrive in France during WW I?
A. 3 June 1918
5. What campaign credits did the 307th Engineer Regiment earn during WW I?
A. Lorraine
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
6. When and where was the 307th Engineer Regiment deactivated following WW I?
A: 17 May 1919, Camp Dix, NJ
7. When and where was the 307th Engineer Battalion ordered into active service for WW II?
A. 25 March 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
8. When was the the Battalion redesignated as the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion?
A. 15 August 1942
9. What campaign credits did the Battalion earn during WW II?
A. Sicily (with arrowhead)
Naples-Foggia
Normandy (with arrowhead)
Rhineland (with arrowhead)
Central Europe
10. What additional campaign credits did C Company earn during WWII?
A. Anzio
Rome-Arno
11. How was the 307th Engineer Battalion deployed on "Operation Neptune" the Normandy Invasion?
A. "A" Force, commanded by BG Gavin, ADC, 82nd Abn - B

Company deployed by parachute (nine aircraft, 144 Jumpers).
"B" Force, commanded by MG Ridgeway, CG, 82nd ABN
DIV, A Company deployed by glider with HHC(-)(10 gliders &
99 personnel).

"C" Force, commanded by BG Howell, CG, 2nd Abn Inf
Bde - 307th Engr Bn (-) by sea with 65 personnel.

12. What happened to LTC Palmer, the Battalion Commander,
on D-Day?

A. His stick was jumping with the 508th PIR which
dropped over St. Saviour Lee Vicomite, France. He was
captured by the Germans and remained a POW until liberated
near Hammelburg, Germany about 10 months later.

13. Which company did not participate in "Operation
Neptune," The Normandy Invasion, and why?

A. C Company. It was fighting as part of the 504th
Regimental Combat Team in Italy. It spent 60 days on the
Anzio beachhead before rejoining the Division.

14. What companies of the Battalion were cited for their
gallantry in action against the enemy in Holland from 19-21
September 1944?

A. B, C, and D Company.

15. What Engineer company reorganized as infantry and
conducted a bayonet assault during Operation Market-Garden?

A. D Company

16. What foreign decorations did the Battalion earn during
WW II?

A. The Military Order of William (Degree of Knight of
Fourth Class), Streamer embroidered "NIJMEGEN 1944."

The Netherlands Orange Lanyard

The Belgian Fourragere 1940 (two awards, ARDENNES/
BELGIUM and GERMANY

17. Which companies were awarded the Presidential Unit
Citation Streamer embroidered "NORMANDY"?

A. A and B Company

18. Which companies were awarded the Presidential Unit
Citation Streamer embroidered "HOLLAND"?

A. B, C and D Company

19. Which companies were awarded the French Croix de Guerre
with Palm, WW II Streamer embroidered "SAINT MERE EGLISE"
and "CONTENIN"?

A. A and B Company

20. When was the Battalion allotted to the Regular Army?

- A: 15 November 1948.
21. What company commander was wounded by sniper fire in the Dominican Republic and what is significant about him?
A: CPT Alvin Rowe, C Company Commander, who later returned as the Battalion Commander (11 July 1969).
22. What unit of the Battalion deployed to Vietnam?
A: C Company deployed to Vietnam in February 1968 in as a part of the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.
23. What company replaced C Company at Fort Bragg, during their absence?
A: The 596th Engineer Company (Airborne)
24. What campaign credits did C Company earn in the Republic of Vietnam?
A: Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-fall 1969
Winter-spring 1970
25. What companies from the Battalion participated in Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada?
A: B, C, and elements of HHC and the 618th Engineer Companies.
26. Who were the only two members of the 82nd Airborne Division to perform a combat jump into Grenada on 25 October 1983?
A: PFC Richardson and SP4 Spain, bulldozer operators from the 618th Engineer Company (LE)(ABN) who jumped as a part of the Ranger Battalion Task Force.
27. What companies of the Battalion participated in "Operation Just Cause" during the U.S. intervention into Panama?
A: A Company and elements of HHC and C companies.
28. When and where was the 618th Engineer Company (LE)(ABN) organized?
A. 25 May 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.
29. What campaign credits did the 618th Engineer Company earn during WW II?
A. New Guinea.
Luzon

30. What unit decorations did the 618th Engineer Company earn during WW II?

A. The Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards)
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

31. On what date was the 618th designated the 618th Engineer Company (Light Equipment)(Airborne)?

A. 1 November 1957.

32. On what date was the 618th attached to the 82nd Airborne Division as part of the 307th Engineer Battalion?

A. 11 December 1961.

AIRBORNE EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES

1. The T-10 Parachute consists of what six major components?
 - A. Deployment bag
 - Canopy
 - Risers
 - Harness assembly
 - Harness quick release assembly
 - Pack tray
2. Describe the pack closing tie.
 - A. A single wrap of 1/4 inch cotton webbing.
3. What is the diameter of the apex vent in the T-10 parachute?
 - A. 20 inches.
4. How many suspension lines are on the T-10 parachute?
 - A. 30 (14 front, 16 back).
5. What type of nylon is used for the parachute?
 - A. Type II, ripstop nylon.
6. What type of nylon is used for the suspension lines?
 - A. Type III nylon cord.
7. Describe the static line.
 - A. 15 feet long
 - Colored yellow
 - Rolled
 - Sewn
8. What are three safety features on the snap hook?
 - A. Safety pin and lanyard
 - Push to release button
 - Slide to close
9. The T-10 reserve consists of what four major components?
 - A. Pilot chute
 - Canopy assembly
 - Pack tray
 - Rip cord
10. What are the basic jump commands?
 - A. Get ready
 - Outboard personnel, stand up
 - Inboard personnel, stand up
 - Hook up

Check static lines
Check equipment
Sound off for equipment check
Stand in the door
GO

11. What are the five points of performance?
A. Proper exit, check body position, and count
Check canopy and gain canopy control
Keep a sharp lookout during descent
- Look before you turn
- Always steer right
- Lower Jumper has the right of way
Turn into the wind and prepare to land
LAND
12. If you become hopelessly entangled with another Jumper when jumping the T-10B parachute, what should you do?
A. Work your way down to the other Jumper, grab each other's main lift web and decide upon a PLF (never a front).
13. What are the five points of contact?
A. Balls of the feet
Calf of the leg
Thigh
Buttocks
Fleshy part of back (push-up muscle)
14. On a normal jump, at what altitude do you lower your equipment?
A. 200 feet.
15. What are the normal combat loads for the C-130 and the C-141B aircraft?
A. C-130 - 64 parachutists.
C-141B - 154 parachutists.
16. What is the minimum combat jump altitude for the T-10 parachute?
A. 350 feet AGL.
17. At what altitude do you slip into the wind and prepare to land when jumping the T-10B parachute?
A. 100 feet.
18. Which life preserver is activated in the air and which in the water?
A. The B-7 is activated in the air.
The B-4 is activated in the water (only after the harness is removed).

19. What is the first thing you do after executing a PLF on the drop zone?

A. Activate at least one canopy release assembly and sound off with, "RISER."

20. After activation of a canopy release assembly, what is the next thing you do on the drop zone?

A. Place your weapon into operation.

21. What are the maximum number of Jumpers permitted when in-flight rigging on the C-130 and C-141B aircraft?

A. C-130 - 58 Jumpers.

C-141B - 128 Jumpers.

22. How frequently must sustained airborne training must be conducted?

A. Within 24 hours of station time for every jump.

23. What is station time and when does it occur?

A: The time at which all Jumpers must be prepared to move to the aircraft. It normally occurs approximately one hour before take-off.

24. What is an MC1-1 parachute and how does it differ from a T-10?

A: An MC1-1 parachute is a steerable parachute which has a smaller apex opening, material removed from the canopy and control lines for steering. Procedures for jumping this parachute differ from those of a T-10.

25. Explain the meanings of the colored tape sleeve markings used during sustained airborne training.

A. Red tape - active Jumpmaster and safeties

Green tape - qualified Jumpmaster

Yellow tape - key personnel

White tape - bump personnel

AIRBORNE SONGS

THE ALL AMERICAN SOLDIER SONG

CHORUS: We're All American and proud to be,
 For we're the soldiers of liberty,
 Some ride their gliders to the enemy,
 Others are sky paratroopers.
 We're All American and fight we will,
 Till all the guns of the foe are still,
 Airborne, from the skies of blue,
 We're coming through,
 Make your jumps, take your bumps
 Let's go.

INTERLUDE: Put on your boots,
 Your parachutes,
 Get all those gliders ready
 To attack today.
 For we'll be gone,
 Into the dawn,
 To fight'em all
 The 82nd way--yeah.

BEAUTIFUL STREAMER

Beautiful streamer, open for me,
Blue skies above me and no canopy,
Counted nine thousand, waited too long,
Reached for my rip cord, the damn thing was gone.

Beautiful streamer, why must it be?
White silk above me is what I should see.
Just like my mother that looks over me,
To hell with the rip cord, "twas not made for me."

Beautiful streamer, this is the end,
Gabriel is blowing, my body won't mend.
All you jump-happy, sons-of-a-gun,
Take this last warning as jumping's no fun.

BLOOD UPON THE RISERS

CHORUS: Gory, Gory what a helluva way to die
Gory, Gory what a helluva way to die
Gory, Gory what a helluva way to die
and he ain't gonna jump no more.

Is everybody happy cried the sergeant
looking up?
Our hero feebly answered, "yes" and then
they stood him up.
He jumped into the icy blast his static
line unhooked,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

He counted loud, he counted long,
He awaited for the shock.
He felt the wind,
He felt the cold,
He felt the awful drop.
The canopy became his shroud,
He hurtled to the ground,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

The risers swung around his neck
Connectors cracked his dome
Suspension lines were tied in knots
around his skinny bones
The silk from his reserve spilled out
and wrapped around his legs
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

The days he lived, and loved
and laughed
Kept running through his mind
He thought about the girl back home
The one he left behind
He thought about the medics
and wondered what they'd find
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

The ambulance was on the spot
The Jeeps were running wild
The medics all clapped their hands,
rolled up their sleeves and smiled
for it had been a week or more
since last a chute had failed
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

He hit the ground
The sound was splat

The blood went spurting high
His buddies were all heard to say
A helluva way to die
He lies there rolling round in
The welter of his gore
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

(SLOWLY WITH GREAT SORROW)

There was blood upon the risers
There was brains upon the chute
His intestines were a danglin'
from his paratrooper suit
The surgeon picked him up and
poured him from his boots
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

THE ENGINEER'S SONG

CHORUS (Sung after each verse)

We are, we are, we are, we are, we are the Engineers,
We can, we can, we can, we can, demolish forty beers.
Drink up, drink up, drink up, drink up, and come along with us,
For we don't give a damn for any old man, who don't give a
damn for us.

My father was a miner on the upper Malamute
My mother was a hostess in a house of ill repute
They threw me out of the house and home while in my tender years
So I told them all to go to hell and joined the Engineers

Godiva was a lady who through Coventry did ride
Showing all the villagers her lovely, lily hide
The most observant fellow was an Engineer of course
He's the only one that noticed that Godiva rode a horse

I've come a long, long way she said and I'll go as long and far
With the man who'll help me off my horse and lead me to a bar
A bleary-eyed surveyor and a drunken Engineer
Helped Godiva off her horse and they stood her to a beer

Julius Caesar went to Egypt at the age of fifty three
Cleopatra's blood was warm, her heart was young and free
But every night when Julie left her house at three o'clock
There was a Roman Engineer awaiting just around the block

Sir Francis Drake and all his men put out at Misery Bay
They heard the Spanish Rum Fleet was aheading out that way
But the Engineers had beat them by a night and a half a day
And though as drunk as hooligans you still could hear them say:

Venus is a statue made entirely out of stone
There's not a fig leaf on her, she's as naked as a bone
On observing her condition an Engineer discoursed
She's a broken hunk of concrete and she should be reinforced

An Engineer and his girlfriend were sitting in the park
The Engineer was doing some research after dark
His scientific method was a marvel to observe
While his right hand took the figures down his left hand traced
the curves

An Engineer and a tanker once downed a gallon can
Said the tanker to the Engineer, "Out drink me if you can"
The tanker took three drinks and died, his face was turning green
But the Engineer kept drinking - it was only gasoline

The Air Force and the Navy came to town to have some fun
Down by the taverns where the firey liquors run
But all they found was broken glass, the Engineers had come
And traded all their instruments for gallon kegs of rum

We did a piss-poor job on a timber trestle bridge
We lost our third platoon while fighting on the ridge
We zeroed in our weapons with accuracy and care
But when we fired for record, Maggies drawers were in the air

We lay down all their rolling roads and cut down all their trees
And if the order ever comes, we'd ford the raging seas
Whenever they want to sleep awhile, we put up a town
And we build the blasted bridges so the Infantry won't drown

We put them over rivers and across the mountain streams
Do everything but tuck them in and wish them pleasant dreams
And when the going's really tough and shells burst in our ears
The whole Division's apt to say, "GOD, SEND FOR ENGINEERS!"

ENDNOTES

1. Interview between Melvin Zais, GEN (Ret), and William L Golden, COL, USA, for the United States Army War College/ United States Army Military History Institute Senior Officer Oral History Program, January 20, 1977.